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SBA's March Web Chat Offers Tips and Advice for Women-Owned Small Businesses

WASHINGTON –In recognition of National Women's History Month, SBA's March web chat will feature an open forum on Women's Business Ownership. The U.S. Small Business Administration's Office of Women's Business Ownership helps to promote growth of womenowned businesses through SBA programs offering business training and counseling, access to credit and capital, and business and networking opportunities. It also administers a nationwide network of Women's Business Centers that provide training and counseling to entrepreneurs.

WHO: Ana Harvey, assistant administrator of the SBA's Office of Women's Business

Ownership, will host the March web chat on "Ask the Expert: Women's Small Business Open Forum." Join her for an exchange on starting and growing a

business.

WHAT: SBA's web chat series provides small business owners with an opportunity to

discuss relevant business issues online with experts, industry leaders and successful entrepreneurs. Chat participants have direct, real-time access to the web chats via questions they submit online in advance, and during the live session. Participants will gain valuable information on how to connect to

counselors, mentors and other women business owners.

WHEN: March 22, 2012 at 1:00 p.m. (ET)

Harvey will answer questions for one hour.

HOW: Participants can join the live web chat, and also post questions before the chat, by

going online to www.sba.gov, and selecting the Web Chat Event under What's

New.

To review archives of past web chats, visit online at http://www.sba.gov/content/monthly-web-chat.